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THE WATER PROPOSITION.

On Tuesday Mr. WITCHER JONES and associates made a proposition to the city council to purchase outright the city water-works, the canals and all irrigating ditches and the water supply. The gentlemen propose to pay cash down, the price to be mutually agreed upon. They are also willing to agree to maintain the waterworks and canals in good order and repair, to furnish water to the citizens at a price not exceeding the present rates, and as an argument in favor of their proposition they say: "This offer, if accepted, will secure to the citizens an ample supply of pure water without using the tax receipts and without increasing the personal water rents. It will result in the laying of all new pipes and mains needed without expense to the building property owners, and it will immediately place in the treasury of the city a large sum of money which can be expended on needed municipal improvements."

One is forced to admire the forwardness or courage of the petitioners. As there was no expression of opinion it cannot be said how the proposition "struck" the council, but we may believe that it sent a chill down the spinal columns of Mayor Scott and associates; especially so if the mayor and councilmen have not forgotten that they were elected on a platform pledging free water to the citizens of Salt Lake. To be thus approached with a proposition to put upon the people a perpetual tax for water and that tax to be equal to the present high rates must have caused the councilmen to feel that at least the petitioners placed no faith in Liberal promises.

But as to the scheme itself, THE HERALD is going to assume that there is, first, no disposition on the part of the council to sell; and second, to assert that a sale is impossible and out of the question. In the first place the city council has no authority or power to sell the water flowing into the city. That water belongs to the land, it goes with the land, and cannot be alienated from the land without the consent of the owners. The council may regulate the water, may direct as to the ditches and conduits, and may make regulations as to distribution, but it cannot dispose of it any more than it can dispose of air and sunlight. In each block there are eight lots; if the owners of seven of these were to sell their water rights, the owner of the eighth could still maintain his right to an eighth of the water belonging to that block, and he could do this in spite of the unanimous action of the city council. Hence, if Mr. Jones and associates shall ever acquire the ownership of the waters, they will have to deal directly with the proprietors and not with the council, which latter does not occupy the position of even an agent.

The cry of the past few years has been for more water, and every year that cry grows louder and more earnest as the population increases and the consumption is greater. It has been asserted many times that the city has about reached its limit as to territory and population until a better supply of water has been obtained. We read in Mr. Jones' petition that he proposes to obtain that better supply, satisfying the demand, and we do not question his ability to fulfill his promise in this respect. The water is to be had, without doubt, there being enough flowing into the valley to make this the best watered city in America. The question is simply one of money, and we presume that Mr. Jones and his friends can readily solve that, just as many other individuals or companies might do. But if Mr. Jones can get the water, so also can the city, and who of the citizens will say that they would prefer that the necessary fund should be controlled by individuals or a private company rather than by the municipal corporation? THE HERALD professes to know something of the disposition, the sentiment and the temper of this community, and its knowledge in this respect inclines it to say that not 1 per cent. of the people would consent to the sale or surrender of the city's water rights. We believe we can safely go further and assert that 99 per cent. of the land-owners would fight to the bitter end the disposal of the water to a private company. Mr. Jones' proposition, therefore, may be regarded as rejected, with emphasis, before it has been so much as investigated by the council.

As this community will testify THE HERALD has over deemed it timely and in season to urge the procuring of more water. Winter and summer this paper has pressed and importuned the council to do more than it has done. A dozen or fifteen years ago, when the thing was possible and within the power of the corporation to accomplish, we begged that a part or the whole of Big Cottonwood creek be purchased, and no proposition or scheme since presented which gave promise of increasing the water supply has warranted the earnest advocacy of this newspaper. We realize that the growth, the welfare and the continued prosperity of Salt Lake depend upon our ability to obtain more water, and we have believed and do believe that the corporation is able to do what should be done in the premises. If it shall be thought otherwise, if it shall be shown that the city is unequal to the undertaking, THE HERALD will not be adverse to granting to Mr. Jones or any other responsible persons the right to lay mains in the streets and sell water to all who care to purchase. If companies are willing to invest in the water business, let them come. But the city must retain the water now owned, and obtain more as soon as it can; it must serve and supply to every citizen as soon as possible, and it must charge the lowest rate consistent with the cost, not of the water for that is already owned by the people, but of the service. Individuals may, if they care to

do so, go into the business for money making, but they should understand that they will compete with the corporation which has no right to charge for water, and none to charge for service beyond the actual cost of that service.

THE two paving districts created by the council on Tuesday evening comprise about thirteen miles of sidewalk, exclusive of some miles of street crossings. Some one should remind the council that Rome was not built in a day.

DURING the last Presidential campaign JOHN F. PLUMMER, a merchant of Brooklyn, was among the most active of the protectionists. He not only contributed largely from his private purse but raised considerable money among other merchants to help along the cause of HANSON. He proclaimed that the election of CLEVELAND meant general disaster to the business industries of the country, while the election of HANSON would be followed by commercial prosperity and social happiness. Well, there has been a year of HANSON, and last week Merchant PLUMMER failed for a million. There are some people who will persist in learning in no other school than that of experience.

It is apparent from the salary list adopted Tuesday evening that the Liberal city government does not propose to be economical in the matter of pay to itself, the appointive officers and employees. Besides a considerable increase in the number of so-called public servants, the salaries have been raised fully 25 per cent. Now, don't imagine that THE HERALD is going to criticize or find fault. We have always thought the city officials were not well paid. Men who faithfully and intelligently perform the duties imposed upon the majority of the city officers can command higher salaries in private service than the corporation has been paying. If the new officials are equal to the work and shall prove faithful, they will earn all the money that is paid them.

EX-DELEGATE GEORGE AINSWORTH, of Idaho, is in Washington saying mean things about the Mormons and pleading for the passage of the admission bill. It is said that he has received \$700 for this service, the money having been raised by Republican statehood boomers. The gentleman may try to satisfy his conscience by saying to himself that he is working as an attorney for a fee; but that will not do. No fee can compensate a man for doing that which he does not believe to be right, nor can any money make ingratitude right. It is not so long ago that he or anybody else up there has forgotten it, that Mr. GEORGE AINSWORTH, hand and glove with the Mormons of Idaho. He used to visit them in their towns and at their homes, and solicit their votes. Twice they elected him to Congress, where he served them quite as faithfully as he did his other constituents. To now "go back" on his former professions and associations for a few paltry dollars, and turn against the best friends he ever had in the territory, shows neither gratitude nor political wisdom, for those he abuses causelessly will necessarily be alienated for all time, while those who use him now cannot respect him. THE HERALD has liked Mr. AINSWORTH, and it regrets the mistake that he is making. As the years roll round and he finds himself standing alone, he will realize that he committed the error of his life when he wasn't true to himself and without cause turned against those who had been his honest, conscientious and true friends—better friends, in fact, than he was to himself.

It is rumored that the brick-makers contemplate raising the price of their wares for this season. For their own sakes we would advise them to act cautiously in this matter, and to not take advantage of the immediate necessities of builders. So far as we are aware there was no complaint last year that the price of bricks was too low. If the cost of making them shall be no more this year than last what justification will the manufacturers have for charging more? It may be suggested that there is danger in this to the brick men themselves. High prices would certainly induce the establishment of new plants, and competition might become so active that brick-making would be anything but profitable. Besides, there are railroads entering this city, and their managers might take it into their heads that it would put money into their treasuries to haul brick at a very low rate. This is also a peculiar community in some respects. If the impression is formed that an improper advantage is being taken of it, it does not readily forget the wrong, but is very apt to revenge itself. THE HERALD is in favor of fair prices for products, material and wages, but it doesn't believe in extortion.

There is a bill in the New York legislature to make it a criminal offense to send a letter or postal card to any person with the intent to cause him annoyance. Its passage will put a stop to dunning letters and the solicitation of charity by mail.

Some of the telephone company's employees propose to administer to the company a mild dose of the medicine which the company is giving to the public in such a heavy dose. The employees referred to, who by the way are not paid wages equal to those allowed to other mechanics, ask for an increase of 20 per cent. or from \$2.50 to \$3 per day. The telephone people, who were already charging the public an exorbitant price for service, did not hesitate to increase the tax 33 1/3 per cent. but when their poor laborers ask for living wages, the reasonable request is denied and the men go out on strike. It will not help the telephone company in its present contest with the public, to let it be known that while demanding outrageous pay for itself it grinds the poor workman down to the last nickel. The sympathies of the people will all be with the strikers as against the monopoly.

It is evident that the telephone company expects those who ordered out the instruments rather than submit to the exorbitant increase of rates, to weaken and retain the "phones." We say this is the expectation, otherwise the company proposes to throw good money away for the sake of maintaining its position. There are, in round numbers, 550 telephones, which at \$60 a year, the old rate, would yield a revenue of \$33,000. Say 150 of these have been ordered out, leaving 400, which will pay \$24,000 a year at \$60 the new rate; or, put it in this way—the company gets \$8,000 additional from the 400 by increasing the rental \$20, and loses \$9,000 by the taking out of the 150 instruments. Yet, it is plain that the company expects to force the protestants back into line, for the telephone people are not of the kind to throw money away. We wonder if they will be disappointed.

THE JAPANESE
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ONE WEEK,

Commencing on Monday, March 31, and

Closing Saturday, April 6.

Read carefully the following conditions, and

then you will understand where the advertise-

ment comes in and why we can afford to sell lots

for the insignificant price of \$12.50 each, which

are really worth over \$100 apiece. "The Simple

condition" is that each purchaser must intro-

duce at the office of the Great Trans-Jordan

Company, 24 Main St., near Cliff House, a man

or woman over 18 years of age for each lot pur-

chased. There is a limit to the number of lots

a single individual may purchase, except his or

her ability to introduce people to our office. Some-

one must be brought to us and introduced for

each lot procured at this trifling price. We

must and shall enlarge the circle of our ac-

quaintance and keep the office full of people.

That alone will more than compensate for the

loss incurred in selling a limited number of our

lots far below cost. These advertising lots will

be sold only for cash, and all lots must be paid

for when selected from the maps in the office.

Parties residing out of the city can secure

some of these lots, providing they have their

remittance of money at the office by Saturday,

the 5th proximo, and in lieu of a personal intro-

duction to us for each lot they may purchase,

they must send us two names of persons to

whom we can send maps, circulars, etc. The

names sent may be of persons residing in their

own towns or elsewhere. There must be two

names sent in for each lot purchased.

The lots offered at \$12.50 each are very choice

and have been sold at private sale at \$20 to \$150

each. The prices will be advanced weekly until

early in the summer the \$500 notch will be

reached.

Will you show wisdom or will you be a clown?

If you are wiser you will load up at the bottom

figure. If you have a perverse, over-cautious

and unwise nature, you will make sneering, dis-

paraging remarks about "them side \$12.50

lots," and in less than three months be eagerly

seeking to buy them at from \$20 to \$50 apiece.

The office will be open for the selection of

lots and introduction of strangers from 9 a.m.

until 5 p.m. every day during the week, except

Saturday, when the sale will close promptly at

3 p.m. Call early in the week and avoid the

closing rush.

Next week a similar offer will be made, but at a

greatly advanced price per lot.

We shall publish in the daily papers a list of

the vice purchasers for this week. In order that

by next week they can understand us and get re-

ceive a fair margin of profit upon their invest-

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